THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Surprise Inspections are being carried out by the Zonal Addl. Directors, Addl, Director (HQ) and also by a Task Force constituted for the purpose in respect of CGHS dispensaries in Delhi. Instructions have been reiterated to all the Additional Directors/Joint Directors of CGHS covered cities and also the Zonal Additional Directors in Delhi for conducting Surprise Inspections of the CGHS dispensaries.

(c) to (e) CGHS staff are granted promotional benefits upon availability of vacancies in their promotional hierarchy as and when it becomes due to them. It is, however, true that the Assured Career Progression Scheme could not be implemented in case of CGHS Allopathic Pharmacists so far due to some anomalous situation prevailing in their promotional hierarchy. The matter has already been taken up in consultation with the Department of Expenditure, and as and when a decision is taken on the issue, the ACP scheme will be implemented in respect of Allopathic Pharmacists in CGHS.

News-item "Disinvestment train on slow track"

1. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Disinvestment train on slow track", which appeared in the Business Standard dated 13th June, 2002;

(b) if so. Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problems responsible for the slow-down of the disinvestment process as highlighted in the news-item?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no general slow-down in the disinvestment process. However, in the event of any specific problem arising in the process, it is resolved through inter-ministerial consultations.

Disinvestment of PSUs

2. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :

SHRI RAJU PARMAR :

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to disinvest National Fertilizers Limited (NFL);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have decided to disinvest PSUs like EIL, BEML, RCF, NALCO, Neyveli Lignite Corporation and STC Limited; and

(d) if so, the latest position with regard to disinvestment of these PSUs, Company-wise?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government has decided to disinvest 51% of equity through strategic sale and upto 2% in favour of the employees in National Fertilizers Limited.

(c) As of now there is no decision for disinvestment in Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML), Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (RCF) and Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited (NLC). The decision of the Government in respect of Engineers India Limited (EIL), National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) and State Trading Corporation Limited (STC) is as under:

Name of Company	Decision
1. EIL	Disinvestment of 51% equity through strategic sale and 10% equity to the employees.
2. NALCO	Open market sale of 30% equity of NALCO followed by strategic sale and thus bring down the equity of Government to 26% after reserving 2% equity for NALCO employees.
3. STC To Reduce	The Government shareholding in STC to 26% through strategic sale and 10% in favour of STC employees out of the 26% remaining with the Government.

(d) The process of disinvestment in NFL is at an advanced stage. For disinvestment in EIL, the Advisors to the Government have been appointed. Public advertisements were issued in April 2002 and bidders shortlisted. Further process has been taken up. The process in NALCO and STC is in the initial stages.

Demonstration by CGHS employees

3. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government Health Scheme employees held a demonstration on the 19th June, 2002 in support of their demands in New Delhi;